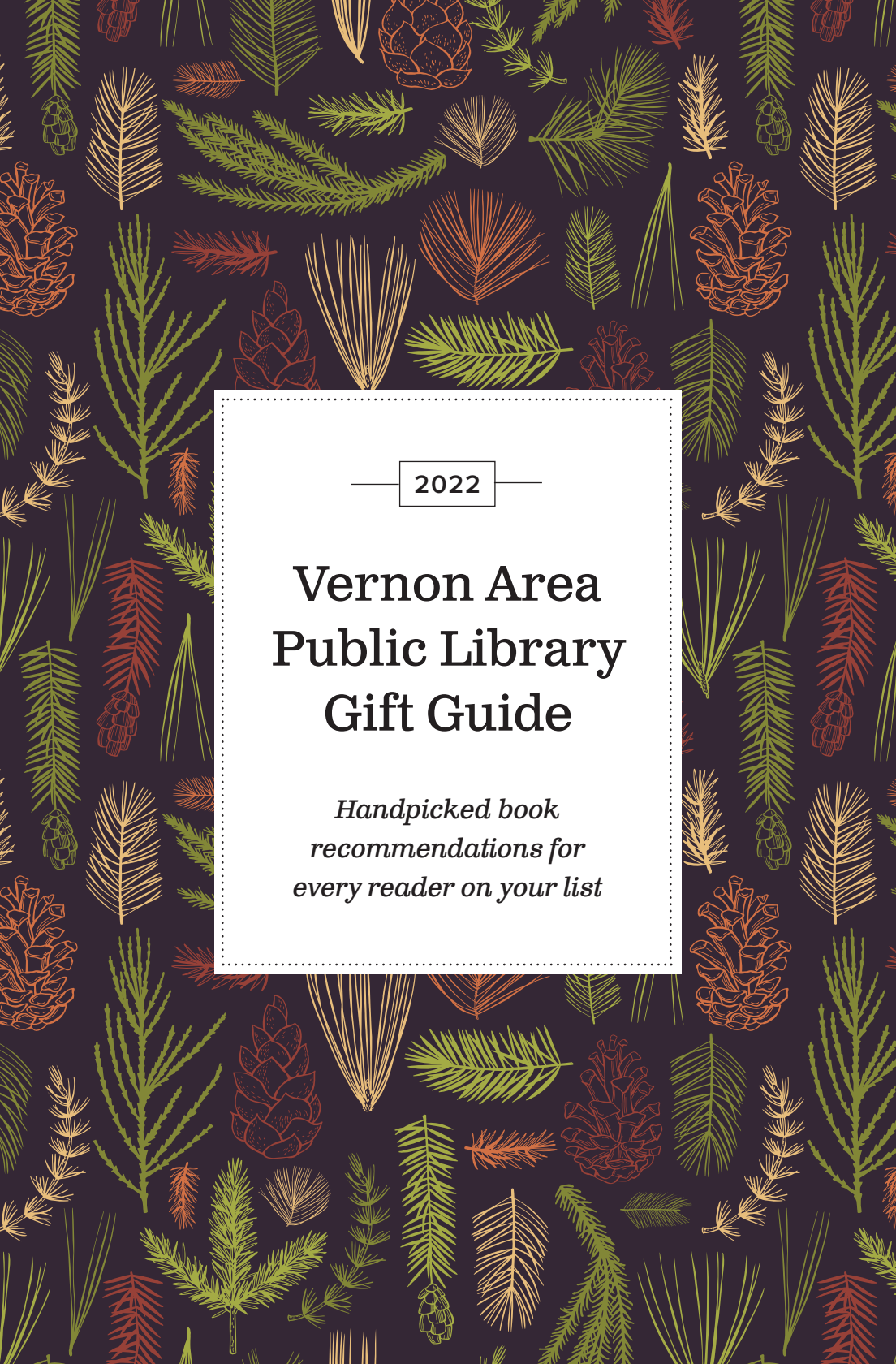
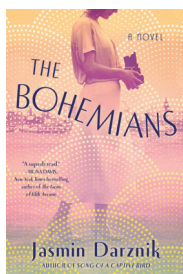




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Vernon Area Public Library Gift Guide

*Handpicked book
recommendations for
every reader on your list*



A CLEVER GIFT IDEA

The annual One Book, One Community series presents the opportunity for a thoughtful gift for the readers on your list: Pair a copy of this year's selection, *The Bohemians* by Jasmin Darznik, with a reservation for the author event on February 26—something to unwrap, plus a shared experience. Visit 1book.org for details and tickets.



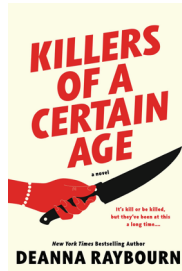
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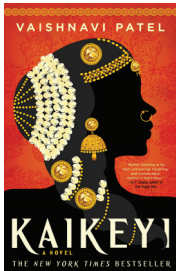
For Book Clubbers

Black Cake
by Charmaine Wilkerson



Age-Defying Assassins

Killers of a Certain Age
by Deanna Raybourn



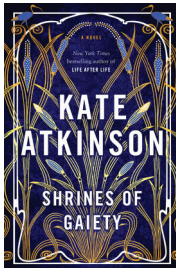
Reimagined Ancient Epic

Kaikeyi
by Vaishnavi Patel



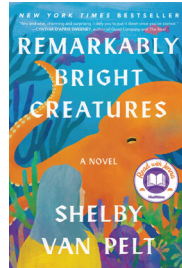
For Fans of the Marvelous Mrs. Maisel

When Franny Stands Up
by Eden Robins



TV-Worthy Ensemble Cast

Shrines of Gaiety
by Kate Atkinson

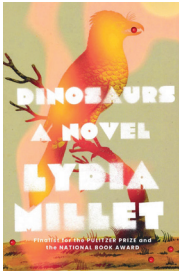


For a Feel-Good Read

Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

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**For Readers
Craving
Found Family**

Dinosaurs

by Lydia Millet



**Heartwarming
with a Touch
of Magic**

*The
Matchmaker's
Gift*

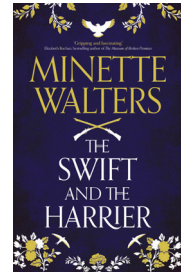
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Loigman



**For Anyone
Not Afraid
of the Dark**

The Hacienda

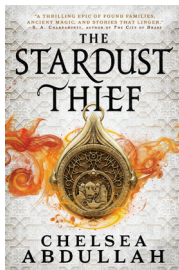
by Isabel Cañas



**Sweeping
Saga of Love
and War**

*The Swift and
the Harrier*

by Minette
Walters



**For Fans
of Folklore-
Inspired
Fantasy**

*The Stardust
Thief*

by Chelsea
Abdullah



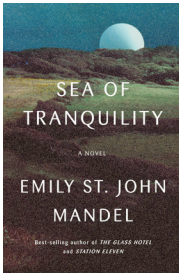
**For Anyone
Missing
Bridgerton**

*A Lady
for a Duke*

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Dystopian-Lite

Sea of Tranquility

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St. John Mandel



The Vacation From Hell

The Island

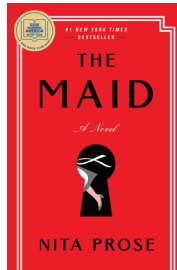
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McKinty



Jane Austen Remixed

Pride and Protest

by Nikki Payne



For Fans of Quirky Characters

The Maid

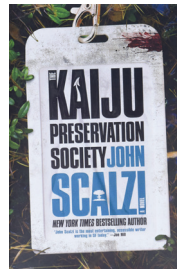
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For the Literati

The Passenger

by Cormac
McCarthy



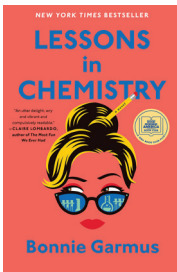
Out-of-this-World Adventure Romp

The Kaiju Preservation Society

by John Scalzi

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**For Fans
of Fearless
Heroines**

*Lessons in
Chemistry*

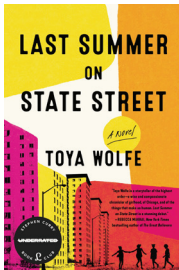
by Bonnie
Garmus



**For Historical
Fiction
Readers**

*The Girl from
Guernica*

by Karen
Robards



**Powerful
Chicago
Coming-of-
Age Story**

*Last Summer
on State Street*

by Toya Wolfe



**For Fans
of Techno-
Thrillers**

Upgrade

by Blake Crouch



**Character-
Driven and
Eye-Opening**

Honor

by Thrity
Umrigar



**Gritty
Southern
Gothic**

*The Kingdoms
of Savannah*

by George
Dawes Green

Nonfiction

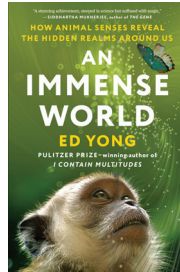
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Royal Rivalries Revealed

The Palace Papers

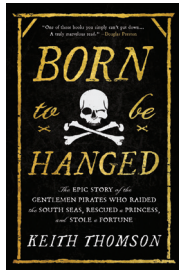
by Tina Brown



Reconnect with the Natural World

An Immense World

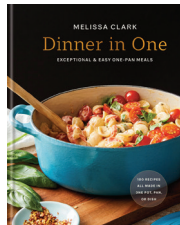
by Ed Yong



Action-Packed History

Born to Be Hanged

by Keith Thomson



For Busy Cooks

Dinner in One

by Melissa Clark



For Introspective Readers

Bittersweet

by Susan Cain



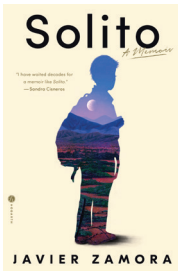
For Poetry Fans

Time Is a Mother

by Ocean Vuong

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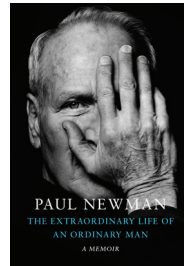
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For Fans
of Moving
Memoirs

Solito

by Javier Zamora



Candid
Reflections
of an Icon

*The
Extraordinary
Life of an
Ordinary Man*

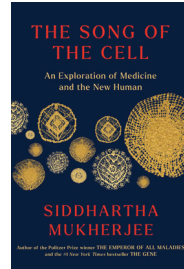
by Paul Newman



For Chefs
Inspired
by Family
Traditions

*Korean
American*

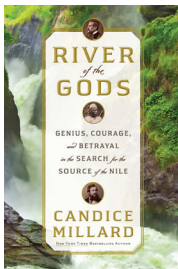
by Eric Kim



Thought-
Provoking
Science
Writing

*The Song
of the Cell*

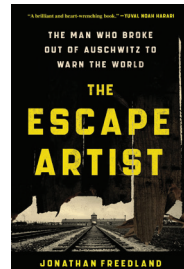
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For Armchair
Adventurers

*River of
the Gods*

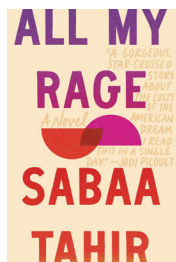
by Candice
Millard



Discover a
Hidden Figure
from History

*The Escape
Artist*

by Jonathan
Freedland



All My Rage
by Sabaa Tahir

When attempts to save their family motel spiral out of control, Salahudin and Noor must decide how they can defeat the monsters of their past and present.



The Sunbearer Trials
by Aiden Thomas

Demigod Teo is selected for the Sunbearer Trials, a competition that ends with the loser being sacrificed, their blood fueling the Sun Stones that protect Reino del Sol.



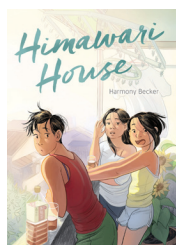
The Red Palace
by June Hur

A palace nurse and a royal investigator team up to look into a pattern of grisly murders when the crown prince becomes the prime suspect.



Ophelia After All
by Racquel Marie

Known for her garden and crushes on every boy, Ophelia begins to question everything when she falls for Talia in the weeks before prom and graduation.



Himawari House
by Harmony Becker

A graphic novel about three foreign exchange students and the ups and downs of adjusting to living in Japan.

Grades 6–8



Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone

by Tae Keller

When Jennifer goes missing, Mallory sets out to find her and figure out why Jennifer might have run — and face the truth inside herself.



Swim Team

by Johnnie Christmas

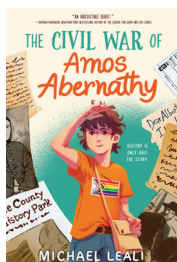
In this graphic novel, Bree must face one of her greatest fears and take Swim 101, but with help from a neighbor, she becomes her school's best hope to beat their rival.



Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coatl

by Julie Kagawa

Shinji Takahashi is an ordinary kid until a magical guardian uses him to awaken its power. Shinji must team up with Lucy and her robot to escape.



The Civil War of Amos Abernathy

by Michael Leali

Amos, a historical reenactor, wonders about LGBTQ+ people in nineteenth-century Illinois. He discovers a trans man and starts a plan to share his story in his divided town.



Artie and the Wolf Moon

by Olivia Stephens

In this graphic novel, Artie is thrilled to discover she comes from a line of werewolves, but as she learns her family history and new abilities, vampires wait in the shadows.



The Marvellers by Dhonielle Clayton

While Ella is training at the Arcanum Institute, she and her friends must find a way to clear her family's name before the Ace of Anarchy ruins them.



Chester Keene Cracks the Code by Kekla Magoon

Chester and Skye are tasked with a puzzle-solving mission, but cracking the code might mean finding out things are not always what they seem.



New From Here by Kelly Yang

Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus.



The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza by Mac Barnett

Something terrible is happening! In this graphic novel, rats are eating the moon! There's only one hero for the job — a bold and fearsome beast bioengineered in a secret lab: a cat.



The Aquanaut by Dan Santat

In this graphic novel, Sophie lives in Aqualand, a marine park. When an aquanaut breaks into the research lab revealing Aqualand's dark side, she vows to free the captive marine life.

Grades K-2



My Bindi

by Gita Varadarajan

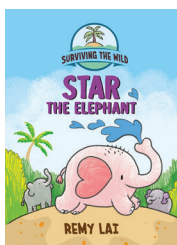
Divya discovers strength and confidence when she puts on a bindi for the first time.



The Astronomically Grand Plan

by Rie Neal

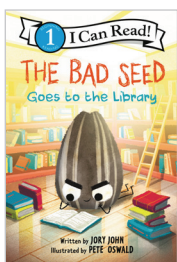
Trying to win a trip to space camp, Astrid is determined to be the first astronaut with hearing aids in space.



Star the Elephant

by Remy Lai

Star and his herd are searching for a new home in this graphic novel. When the herd gets separated, he must journey alone into the unknown to reunite with them.



The Bad Seed Goes to the Library

by Jory John

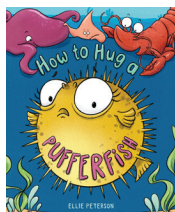
When the Bad Seed finds a book at the library, he reads and reads it, but is upset when he finds out he has to return the book.



Punky Aloha

by Shar Tuiaosa

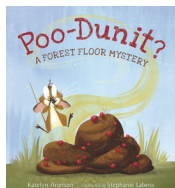
Armed with her grandmother's magical sunglasses, Punky, who is scared to make new friends, sets off on a big adventure for the first time.



How to Hug a Pufferfish

by Ellie Peterson

When Pufferfish is hugged or touched unexpectedly by their friends, things can get a little... spiky. Pufferfish needs to have a say in when and how they're hugged.



Poo-dunit?:

A Forest Floor Mystery

by Katelyn Aronson

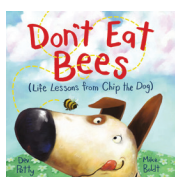
When someone poops in front of her house, Mouse wants to find the culprit, in this funny mystery with facts about scat and how it helps the environment.



Like

by Annie Barrows

This brightly illustrated and funny compare-and-contrast picture book shows how humans are much more like each other than they are different.



Don't Eat Bees

by Dev Petty

Chip is seven; he knows things. Like what to eat (important papers, the fancy bird the humans cooked for the fancy dinner) and what not to eat (bees).



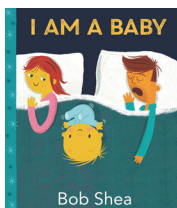
Just Help!

How to Build a Better World

by Sonia Sotomayor

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor writes of a neighborhood where kids and adults all help one another to build a better world for themselves and their community.

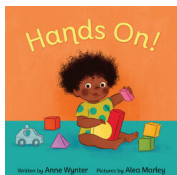
Ages 0-2



I Am a Baby

by Bob Shea

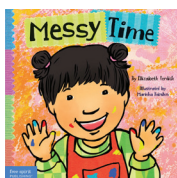
Told from the viewpoint of a new baby, repeating the mantra “because I am a baby,” sharing cuteness, chaos and antics that come with a new little one.



Hands On!

by Anne Wynter

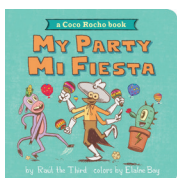
Combining lyrical text with vibrant artwork, this encouraging board book follows the first steps of a curious baby.



Messy Time

by Elizabeth Verdick

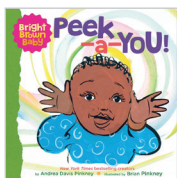
Build gross- and fine-motor skills through play, touch, and making a big mess. This book encourages creativity, growth mindset, and messy play throughout the day, indoors and outdoors.



My Party, Mi Fiesta

by Raúl the Third

In this festive bilingual board book, join Coco Rocho and his friends as they gather all the things they need to throw a grand fiesta.



Peek-a-You!

by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Cuddle up with your little one and play a happy game of peekaboo! This celebration of roly-poly, perfectly huggable, oh-so-lovable little ones is just-right for the whole family.

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